

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 are pending, have been rejected, and are the subject of this appeal.

GROUND OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

- 1) Claims 1, 9, 17, and 18, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP-1122753 to Tanaka (hereinafter Tanaka) in view of JP-2000-119673 to Iso et al. (hereinafter Iso) and U.S. Patent No. 5, 655,844 to Takano (hereinafter Takano).
- 2) Claims 2 and 10 are rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Iso and Takano, and further in view of US Patent 4,371,220 to Brucher (hereinafter Brucher).
- 3) Claims 3 and 11 are rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Iso and Takano, and further in view of US Patent 4,629,337 to Teramachi (hereinafter Teramachi).
- 4) Claims 4 and 12 are rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Iso and Takano, and further in view of Brucher and Teramachi.
- 5) Claims 5 and 13 are rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Iso and Takano, and further in view of US Patent 4,650,195 to Dreschmann et al. (hereinafter Dreschmann).
- 6) Claims 6 and 14 are rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Iso and Takano, and further in view of Brucher and Dreschmann.
- 7) Claims 7 and 15 are rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Iso and Takano, and further in view of Teramachi and Dreschmann.
- 8) Claims 8 and 16 are rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Iso and Takano, and further in view of Brucher, Teramachi, and Dreschmann.